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Colleen Wallace et al.

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NEW ACCOUNTS PROGRAM

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Examiner: D.L. Greene

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT**

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Sir:

Applicant(s) submit(s) herewith patents, publications or other information [attached hereto and listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (modified)] of which they are aware, which they believe(s) may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56.

The Examiner's attention is drawn to the document identified on page 5 of the attached PTO-1449 form as SNAP – IRA PROCEDURES (DRAFT) *Charles Schwab & Co. Inc.*, process documentation, 8 pages (June 1999). Although this particular document has been given a date of June 1999 (which appears to be accurate) it is presently believed that some aspects of the process described in the document may have been in place more than 1 year prior to the filing of the provisional application, from which the above referenced application claims benefit. Thus, for purposes for the present moment in the examination of the above referenced application, the

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Examiner is requested to consider the processes described in the SNAP-IRA PROCEDURES (DRAFT) document as being in use by the assignee of the present application, for purposes of opening customer accounts, prior to April 28, 1999. However, the applicant reserves the right to subsequently conduct further investigation to more definitively establish when, if ever such processes, as described in the SNAP-IRA PROCEDURES (DRAFT) document were being used in connection with processing brokerage account applications.

This Information Disclosure Statement:

- (a) ☐ accompanies the new patent application submitted herewith. 37 CFR § 1.97(a).
- (b) ☐ is filed within three months after the filing date of the application or within three months after the date of entry of the national stage of a PCT application as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.491.
- (c) ☒ as far as is known to the undersigned, is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, or before a first office action after filing a Request for Continued Examination under §1.114.
- (d) ☐ is filed after the first office action and more than three months after the application's filing date or PCT national stage date of entry filing but, as far as is known to the undersigned, prior to the mailing date of either a final rejection or a notice of allowance, whichever occurs first, and is accompanied by either the fee (\$180) set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) or a certification as specified in 37 CFR § 1.97(e), as checked below.
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[If either of boxes (d) or (e) is checked above, the following "certification" under 37 CFR § 1.97(e) may need to be completed.] The undersigned certifies that:

- (f) ☐ Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication mailed from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

- (g) ☐ No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication mailed from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

A list of the patent(s) or publication(s) is set forth on the attached Form PTO-1449 (Modified).

A copy of the items on PTO-1449 (Modified) is supplied herewith, except as noted below.

Those patent(s) or publication(s) which are marked with an asterisk (*) in the attached form PTO-1449 (Modified) are not supplied because they: (a) are either U.S. Patents or published U.S. patent applications; (b) are a U.S. patent application, the image of which is stored in the USPTO's file wrapper (IFW) system; or (c) were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in a prior application no. _____, filed _____, and relied upon in this application for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

A concise explanation of relevance of the items listed on form PTO-1449 (Modified) is:

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The Examiner is reminded that a "concise explanation of the relevance" of the submitted items "may be nothing more than identification of the particular figure or paragraph of the patent or publication which has some relation to the claimed invention," MPEP § 609.

While the information and references disclosed in this Information Disclosure Statement may be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56, it is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information

as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(a) exists. It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.98 and MPEP § 609 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1703, under Order No. SCHB-1500, for any fees required in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. **A duplicate copy of this Notice is enclosed for this purpose.** In particular, in the event that an Office Action has crossed in the mail with this Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the above-named deposit account for any fees required pursuant to CFR §§ 1.17(p) or 1.17(i)(1).

Respectfully submitted,

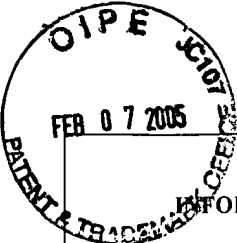
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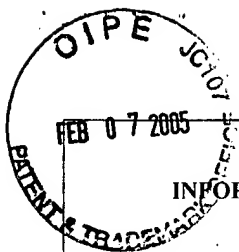
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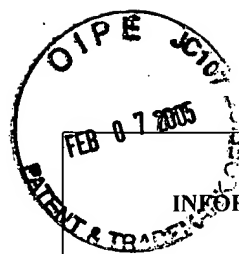
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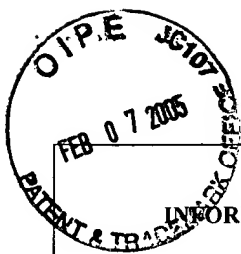
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